

**[TE-PR-2] U.S. ROUTE NUMBERS**

- a. The Executive Committee of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials shall have full authority to review the U.S. numbered road system and the numbering and marking thereof, to make additions, changes, extensions, revisions or reductions in said road system and to revise the numbering or marking thereof.
- b. The Department of Transportation, by official action, may request the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials for a new U.S. route number or a revision of U.S. routes. The basic requirements for addition or revision of U.S. routes is outlined as follows:
  1. No additional route shall be added to the U.S. numbered road systems, and no existing U.S. route shall be extended except where there is a definite showing of an adequately improved highway carrying an established and necessary line of interstate traffic not otherwise provided by existing U.S. routes and for which adequate traffic service cannot be provided by state numbered routes.
  2. Extension of present U.S. numbered routes may be made only when the proposed extension is in the general direction of the present route.
  3. Proposed extensions shall not be made when, to do so, it is necessary to duplicate U.S. routes already established, unless the duplication is for a short distance and the routes then diverge, ending in different terminal points.
  4. No new U.S. route located wholly in one state shall be established U.S. routes less than 300 miles in length, heretofore established and located wholly in one state, shall be eliminated either by consolidation with other U.S. routes or be reverting to state routes as rapidly as possible.

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